

# Yeovil Rural District Council.

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF

### The Medical Officer of Health, 1920.

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Population of the District : 16333.

#### STAFF.

The Staff of the Health Department of the Local Authority consists of the Medical Officer of Health and the Sanitary Inspector.

A Mechanic works the Council's Steam Disinfector under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector.

#### GENERAL STATISTICS.

Births : Number registered, 364. Birth rate, 22.2. Rate of Infantile Mortality, 35.7.

Deaths under one year	{	Under one week, 2.	One to four weeks (inclusive), 5.
		One to six months, 3.	Six to 12 months, 3.
		Total 13.	

Remarks *re* Infant Mortality—Causes of : Premature Birth, 2 ; Pneumonia, 1 ; Marasmus, 1 ; Measles, 1 ; Convulsions, 1 ; Asthenia, 2 ; Rickets, 1 ; Laryngismus Stridulus, 1 ; Spina Bifida Epileptic Fits, 1 ; Congenital Stenosis of Oesophagus, 1 ; Injury at Birth, 1.

Deaths : All registered, 180. Corrected for inward and outward transfers, 202. Death rate (after correction for transfers) 12.3

Ages at Death.	0—10 years, 18.	50—60 years, 23.
	10—20 years, 10.	60—70 years, 30.
	20—30 years, 16.	70—80 years, 53.
	30—40 years, 9.	80—90 years, 24.
	40—50 years, 13.	Over 90 years, 6.

<i>Infectious Diseases.</i>	<i>Cases Notified.</i>						<i>Deaths.</i>			<i>Removed to Hospital.</i>		
Diphtheria	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0
Enteric Fever	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0
Dysentery	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	1
Malaria	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0
Poliomyelitis...	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	0
Acute Primary Pneumonia	...	...	...	9	}	...	...	12	...	...	...	0
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia	...	...	...	3		...	...		...	...	...	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	24	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	9
Other Tuberculosis	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	0

CANCER MALIGNANT DISEASE :—20 deaths occurred during the year. Ages at death : At 5 years, 1. 25 and under 45 years, 1. 45 and under 65 years, 10. 65 years and over, 8.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM :—By order of the Council the Medical Officer of Health has power to engage Nurses from the County Nursing Association should any case or cases of this disease occur and nursing be required.

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## GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

### (1) & (2). DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE AND RIVER POLLUTION.

Outfall Works regularly inspected. Improvements to Purification Works at Martock still under consideration. Complaint again made to Crewkerne Urban District Council of River Pollution during the summer.

### (3). WATER SUPPLY.

Analysis of public supplies obtained and found satisfactory. One private supply to a parish questionable, defect discovered and attended to.

Public supply for Barwick in abeyance on account of excessive cost. Arrangements made for supplying R.D.C. Houses from Yeovil Main since effected.

Proposed supply for Chilton Cantelo, Mudford, Marston Magna and Rimpton also deferred.

Application made for sanction of a loan of £1,600 for purchase and extension of existing supply at Norton-sub-Hamdon.

### (4). SCAVENGING.

Scavenging is being carried out in the large parishes of South Petherton, Martock and Stoke-under-Ham.

(5). FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

Inspected. Two cases of provision of escape from fire being dealt with.

(6). MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies and Cow Stalls inspected.

(7). MEAT INSPECTION.

(a) No. of Licensed Slaughter Houses, 18.

(b) Particulars of amount of food condemned. One carcase of Bullock for Tuberculosis.

(8). HOUSING.

Special Report on Housing in the District prepared for the Ministry of Health.

Number of inhabited houses, 4316.

Number of working-class houses, 3671.

Number of working houses erected (i.e., finished), 59.

(a) By Local Authority under Government Scheme, 52.

(b) By private enterprise, 7.

New houses in hand (January 1st, 1921,) but not erected, 141.

(a) Plans passed only, 69.

(b) Building commenced but not completed, 72.

INSPECTION.

Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts), 123.

Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Regulations, 1910, 84.

Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation, 4.

Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation, 69.

ACTION.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers, 44.

A. Proceedings under section 28 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Acts, 1919.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs, 11.

Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit :

(a) By owners, 11.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners, 0.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close, 0.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied, 26.

Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied :

(a) By owners, 18.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners, 0.

C. Proceedings under sections 17 and 18 of the Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1909.

Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders, 0.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made, 0.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made, 0.

Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-house having been rendered fit, 0.

Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders, 0. Three demolished voluntarily.

Overcrowding. 3 cases dealt with.

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# YEOVIL RURAL DISTRICT.

## Report on Housing Schemes for the year 1921.

PARISHES.		No. of Houses Proposed.	Provisional Agreements arranged.	Sites Approved.	Plans.		Tenders.		Building.			Position 3rd May, 1921.
					In Preparation.	Approved.	Awaiting Approval.	Acceptance Authorised.	Commenced.	Well advanced.	Completed.	
Barwick	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Tintinhull	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	
Yeovil (Without [Westlands])	}	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	12	10 of the 14 over 80% completed.
Martock	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3*	7	*These will be completed by 7th May.
	2	10	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	
Mudford	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Montacute	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	4	
Norton-sub-Hamdon	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	All 10 roofed in and internal work proceeding.
Stratton	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	
South Petherton	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	6	
Stoodham	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
East Coker	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2 Houses not to be proceeded with.
Marston Magna	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	8	...	
Preston Plucknett	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	{ Tenders obtained but Scheme held over until prices drop.
Stoke-sub-Hamdon	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	10 of the 12 roofed in.
West Coker	...	16	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	Boring for water made on site.
Chilthorne Domer	...	6	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Site provisionally approved.
Long Load	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Boring for water made, water found unfit. Scheme left in abeyance.
West Camel	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	{ Boring for water made with satisfactory result. Tenders were obtained but scheme held over until prices drop.
Chiselborough	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	In abeyance, negotiations for several sites fell through
Yeovil Marsh...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	In abeyance. Water difficulties.
West Chinnock	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ In abeyance. Cost of proposed restoration of 2 Houses rendered same impracticable.
Limington	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	In abeyance.
Podymore	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	In abeyance.
Ash	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	{ Boring for water made with satisfactory result. Tenders obtained but scheme held over until prices drop.
Odcombe	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Negotiations for site in progress. Preliminary plans prepared.
Hardington Mandeville			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	{ Applications for houses recently received and under consideration.

# YEOVIL RURAL DISTRICT.

## Report of Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1920.

### HOUSING.

R.D.C. building progress as per table.  
Inspection do.

### PRIVATE BUILDING.

Plans approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Certificates granted...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7

### DISINFECTIONS.

Notified cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	extra	6
Schools disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

### WATER SUPPLY. Samples submitted for analysis.

Proposed and existing supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Private supplies (wells, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Supplies laid on	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Wells cleaned and protected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

### DRAINS.

New, 4.	Repaired and Improved, 10.	New W.C.'s. (replacing vaults)	10
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### NUISANCES.

Complaints of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Manure removed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16

### SLAUGHTER HOUSES. (18.)

Cleansing effected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
One carcase of Bullock condemned for Tuberculosis.									

### DAIRIES, COWSHEDS. (180.)

Improved drainage and floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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### FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS. (82.)

Provisions for escape from fire being dealt with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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### BAKEHOUSES. (18.)

Cleanliness enforced	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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### HOMEWORKERS. (650.)

Disinfected after infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
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### PETROLEUM.

Licensed premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
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April, 1921.